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E.O. 11652:ADS DECLASSIFY UPON COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS

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SUBJECT: FOREIGN OPERATING RIGHTS - ADVANCED RANGE INSTRUMENTATIONAIRCRAFT (ARIA)

REFS: A. STATE 289848 (DTG 261923Z NOV 76)
B. DAKAR 0287 (DTG 15LLL5Z JAN 77)
C. STATE 147100 (DTG 232354Z JUN 77)
D. DAKAR 4913 (DTG 201450 Z JUL 77)
E. STATE 172085 (DTG 222146Z JUL 77)
F. DAKAR 8285 (DTG 160820Z DEC 77)

1. THE USAF AGAIN DESIRES TO USE YOFF AIRDROME FOR ARIA STAGING AS OUTLINED IN REF A, APPROVED IN REF B AND MODIFIED BY REFS C, D, E, AND F.
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MODIFIED BY REFS C, D, E, AND F.

2. SINCE THE GOVERNMENT OF CAPE VERDE HAS NOT APPROVED ARIA OPERATIONS, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT ARIA WOULD BE REQUIRED TO USE YOFF MORE OFTEN THAN SPECIFIED IN REF A, PARA 3. IT IS NOW ENVISIONED THAT FROM TWO TO FOUR ARIA WOULD DEPLOY TO DAKAR SIX TO EIGHT TIMES A YEAR.

3. THE NEXT PLANNED DEPLOYMENT TO SENEGAL WOULD CONSIST OF FOUR AIRCRAFT FROM 8 MAY THROUGH 14 MAY IN SUPPORT OF EASTERN TEST RANGE MISSILE PROGRAMS, ONE MORE ARIA FOR THE PERIOD 8 MAY THROUGH 17 MAY IN SUPPORT OF ANOTHER EASTERN TEST RANGE MISSILE PROGRAM AND TWO TO FOUR ARIA FOR THE PERIOD 18 MAY - 26 MAY IN SUPPORT OF A NASA LAUNCH OF THE PIONEER VENUS ORBITER. THE AIRCRAFT WOULD ARRIVE IN SENEGAL TWO DAYS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED LAUNCHES (NOMINALLY 10 MAY FOR THE FIRST TWO LAUNCHES AND 20 MAY FOR THE THIRD), LAUNCH ON MISSION SUPPORT THE DAY OF EACH LAUNCH AND RECOVER AT DAKAR FOR CREW REST PRIOR TO RETURNING TO THE U.S. IF THE LAUNCHES WERE TO BE DELAYED, THE AIRCRAFT WOULD REMAIN ON THE GROUND AT DAKAR UP TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE LAUNCH WINDOWS FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL MISSION AS SHOWN ABOVE. THOUGH NOT PLANNED, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT FIVE AIRCRAFT (ONE C-135B LOGISTIC SUPPORT AIRCRAFT/4 ARIA) COULD BE AT DAKAR SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD 8-17 MAY. THIS IS AN UNUSUAL REQUIREMENT AND ONE WHICH WOULD NOT NORMALLY OCCUR IN FUTURE OPERATIONS OF THIS NATURE.

4. THE NEXT PLANNED DEPLOYMENT WOULD BE IN AUGUST 1978 IN SUPPORT OF THE NASA LAUNCH OF THE PIONEER VENUS MULTIPROBE.

5. REQUEST EMBASSY PROVIDE DETAILS AS SPECIFIED ABOVE TO HOST AUTHORITIES TO INCLUDE BACKGROUND ON MISSILE RELATED
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ASPECTS MENTIONED IN REFS D AND E, IF APPROPRIATE BASED ON REF F. AIRCRAFT DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE REQUESTS WILL FOLLOW ASAP. CHRISTOPHER

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